

## Global Social Protection Week

# “Achieving SDG 1.3 and Universal Social Protection (USP2030) in the Context of the Future of Work”

### Stream 2

Adapting social protection to a changing world

### Technical session 2.3

Social protection in the context of the humanitarian-development nexus

**Wednesday, 27 November 2019**

**15:45pm – 16:30pm**

#### BACKGROUND

Disasters, whatever their speed, scale or cause, are fast becoming a reality for all of us, central to everyday life everywhere on the planet. To address this situation, the international community has long been exploring ways to reconcile the logic and resources of development and humanitarian assistance towards a more continuous approach, designed to empower countries and individuals in their own development efforts, while coping with the risks and effects of disasters. Social protection, as both a system and a right, is now widely recognized as a constitutive element of this continuity of approaches that we call the humanitarian-development nexus. Indeed, social protection, by promoting universal access to basic services including health, child grants, old-age pensions and unemployment benefits, is an enabler of development and resilience, which also has a role to play, along with other measures, in supporting countries and populations affected by disasters to respond and recover. This session will bring together governments, social partners, development and humanitarian actors to discuss how best to support countries in developing policies, systems and partnerships that can provide constant and sustainable access to the human right to social protection for populations exposed to disaster, crisis and conflict situations.

#### OBJECTIVES

This technical session has the following objectives:

- To identify the opportunities offered by the humanitarian-development nexus to build or strengthen national social protection systems in fragile countries facing recurrent and complex humanitarian crises, often characterized by a combination of conflict, forced displacement and natural disasters.
- To understand to what extent and under which conditions national social protection systems can play a role in managing disaster risk and response.

#### FORMAT

This technical session will consist of a moderated discussion, where the moderator will ask one or two rounds of questions to the panel members. The panel members will not be required to deliver any power point presentation.

Questions will focus on the specific challenges and strategies of some of the key actors involved in social protection across the humanitarian-development Nexus, including:

- Affected countries, when managing social protection systems.
- Civil society organizations, when supporting vulnerable communities and advocating for their rights.
- Academic institutions, when developing evidence-based approaches in support to response and resilience mechanisms.
- Private sector, when seeking to protect its employees and their families, but also to ensure the continuity of its operations and those of its suppliers.
- Development partners, when implementing rights-based approaches focused on the SDGs and supporting specific categories of population (children, refugees, ...).
- Donor countries, when developing policies and providing resources to support development cooperation programmes.

### **MODERATOR AND PANELLISTS**

Moderator: **Helmut Schwarzer**, Senior ILO Social Protection Specialist for Central America

- **H.E. Ahmed Majdalani**, Minister of Social Development, Palestine
- **H.E. Sadik Warfa**, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Somalia
- **Olivia Faite**, Head of Social Assistance, National Institute of Social Action, Government of Mozambique
- **Larissa Pelham**, Social Protection and humanitarian expert, OXFAM
- **Cécile Cherrier**, Research Associate, Overseas Development Institute
- **Jacqueline Weekers**, Director Migration Health Division, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- **Pamela Dale**, Social Policy and Economic Analyst, UNICEF
- **Aileen O'Donovan**, Social Protection Policy Lead, Irish Aid
- **Juergen Hohmann**, Social Protection Expert, European Commission, International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO)